

York 3/4 mo '73

Dear Dr. Gray

Many thanks for the  
flowers of "Calochortus elegans"  
also for the information about  
the "Brodiaea terrestris". The  
former, we rec<sup>d</sup> as "Cyclobotrys  
elegans" but it is clearly a  
Calochortus. One of our  
Erythronium has flowered,  
but tho' similar in colour, is  
very small (1½ inches across.)  
I think it is only a result  
of "weakness", & that more  
vigour will give large flowers.  
I fancy we could manage  
the Erigeron, if we could  
get a supply of plants & seed.  
Perhaps Dr. Parry will get it

this year.

I remit the \$11. to W. Bentham today, according to thy wish.

My health, I am thankful to say, is considerably restored. We have had a good spring season commercially. The rain-fall here last year was remarkable. Our usual annual fall is nearly 25 inches. Last year it was above 40 inches.<sup>i.e.</sup> On our little city, which covers just about 4 sq. miles with the suburbs, 4,000,000 tons of water fell over & above the usual quantity.

Very sincerely thy friend

Wm. Backhouse